



**Frank Keating**  
Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-29

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, have determined that there is an identified need for Oklahoma to focus on and become proactive in research, development and technology transfer, and to develop State policies to foster these activities. There are strong research capabilities and potentials for development of emerging technologies in the higher education institutions of this state which should take a leadership position in fostering research and development in advanced technology fields. The creation of new industries from emerging technologies and improvement of traditional technologies will increase employment opportunities in Oklahoma. Therefore, in order to facilitate increased activity in this state in these activities, I hereby create the cabinet area of Science and Technology Development.

This cabinet area shall enable the Cabinet Secretary to coordinate research and development activities of various government and private sector entities and report to the Governor the means available to the State of Oklahoma to become the national leader in science and technology cooperation, development, and research. Oklahoma can achieve a position of preeminence in the fields of science and technology through an active and coordinated partnership between government, academia and the private sector guided by the Cabinet Secretary.

The Department of Commerce shall provide staff support as necessary for the Cabinet Secretary as required to achieve his duties.

The Secretary of Science and Technology Development shall have the following powers and duties:

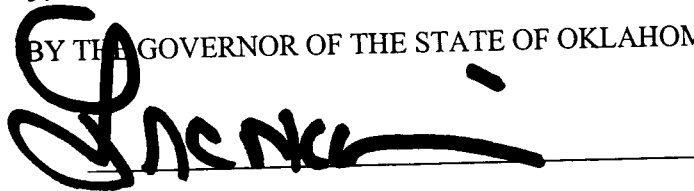
1. Reviews and recommend policies that will increase the amount of basic research and applied research conducted by the colleges, universities, votechnical education facilities, and the private sector in this state.
2. Propose state policies and actions that promote technology development and transfer in Oklahoma including the creation of partnerships that support and benefit the establishment of new technology industries in Oklahoma.
3. Analyze and propose state policies that encourage ready availability and accessibility of venture capital and commercial lendings.
4. Study and make recommendations on any issues that directly relate to improving the competitive position of Oklahoma in the areas of science, research and development and advanced technology development.

5. Explore ways to increase trade and encourage cooperative initiatives with the various trading partners Oklahoma has established relationships with for the benefit of existing technology industries in Oklahoma.

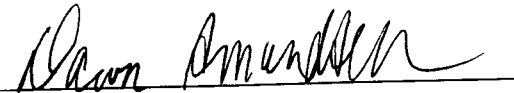
This Executive Order shall be distributed to the members of the Governor's Cabinet, the members of the Regents for Higher Education, the Presidents of all Oklahoma Colleges and Universities and the Director of the Department of Commerce.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 2nd day of September, 1998.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTEST:

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**ASSISTANT** Secretary of State